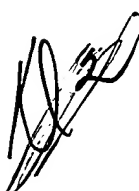
 a fastener adapted to releasably secure any one of a plurality of pocket-sized fly boxes to said base piece so they can be accessed without removing them from said base piece, said plurality of pocket-sized fly boxes being of different types;

wherein said hinge and said fastener comprise the same structural element.

25. (Thrice Amended) A portable system for holding, storing and transporting fishing equipment, comprising:

 an integrated fly box support and a fishing rod holder made of a single piece of rigid material, said fishing rod holder configured to hold a fishing rod in a horizontal orientation while said fly box is being accessed;

a hinge for permitting movement of said fly box from a horizontal to a vertical position; and

a fastener adapted to releasably secure a fly box to said base piece so it can be accessed without removing it from said base piece

wherein said hinge and said fastener comprise the same structural element.

REMARKS

The paper filed on June 17, 2002 was intended to be just an agenda for discussion; thus, the arguments were very terse. However, the examiner made it a formal response at the interview on June 18, 2002. Formal arguments based on the MPEP are included herein.

The courtesy of an interview is appreciated.

The Office Action objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) on the grounds that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. This objection is respectfully traversed. The claims do not claim a plurality of fly boxes, but rather a fastener that is capable of attaching any one of a plurality of fly boxes to the base plate. The fastener is shown in the drawings. Further, a typical one of the fly boxes to be attached is also shown in the drawings in FIGS. 1, 3 and 4 and discussed in detail on page 12, line 9, through page 13, line 24, of the specification. The apparatus and method of attaching any fly box is clear from this detailed example.

The Office Action states that the claims are confusing since the examiner does not